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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON PKK VIOLENCE (AUGUST 8-15, 2009)

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¶1. (SBU) This is another in a series of weekly reports on PKK violence in Turkey. Our primary source is the Turkish General Staff (TGS) website, which documents contacts and clashes with the PKK, as well as casualties incurred.

¶2. (U) During the week of August 8-15, 2009, one security official was killed and one was injured due to a PKK IED in the Sirnak province on August 11. The total number of security force casualties for the year through August 15 was 37 killed and 70 injured.

¶3. (U) During the same period, one PKKer was captured in the Sirnak province on August 8, and four PKKers surrendered in the Sirnak province on August 8 and 10. According to official TGS website figures, through the second week of August the number of PKK militants killed and injured this year was 36, the number of those captured was 40, and the number of those who surrendered was 78.

¶4. (U) During the reporting period no civilian was killed or injured. The total number of civilian casualties for the year through the end of the second week of August was 10 killed and 22 wounded.

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